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GENERAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 28, 2023 – MVE, 6:00pm

Type of meeting: General Board meeting with Directors and President, open to public.

Facilitator: Julie Franzen (Chair). Board Members: Dan Vander Pol (Vice Chair), Garth Gill, Tim Sica, Rick Rosenkranz (Secretary). School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Wes Brown, Matthew Ahlen, Patty Edwards, Kofi Adusei, several online.

Board Members Absent: Darryl D'Ambrosio (Treasurer), Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by Julie Franzen at 6:05pm.

Minutes Approval and Other Open Board Business

Approval of October 2023 General and Executive Board meeting minutes. Rick Rosenkranz made a motion to approve; Dan Vander Pol seconded. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other open Board business was conducted.

President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:

LPPC – Patty Edwards reporting for Carol Meeuwse. LPPC Christmas program will be Friday, 12/8, at 4pm in KVE gym. Praying for increased enrollment and a healthy school year. Carol's son is back home from Indonesia and recovering after suffering a serious illness.

MVPC – Patty Edwards reporting. MVPC Christmas program will be Thursday, 12/7, at 4pm in MVE gym. JK will participate in the MVE Christmas Bazaar on Friday, 12/8, with thanks to Elaina Yoon for helping organize the event. All ELF Grant money has now been spent. Looking for child-size bike helmets (need 18 total). Praying for increased enrollment and a full-time staff member because one will be leaving this week.

MVE – Bruce Kelly reporting. Combined Christmas program with KVE on 12/4, 6pm at River of Life. Mrs. Kumakura is helping with the little library, which should be available to students and staff in January 2024. Switching from Scholastic to SkyTree for book fairs due to gender ideology being promoted by Scholastic. Praying for increased enrollment and the need for two new staff members (Assistant Principal and Maker Space teacher). Bruce reported that there were almost no disciplinary issues so far this year, and there is good energy and vibe from the staff. Green City Pest Control took care of a bee problem free of charge.

Julie Franzen, Chair / Dan Vander Pol, Vice Chair

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KVE – Bruce Kelly reporting for Alan Bulger, who was not feeling well. Combined Christmas program with MVE on 12/4, 6pm at River of Life. Sports field has been reseeded. Working to resolve the heating issues in the building, as three rooms tend to get no heat. Kudos to the PTF for the Thanksgiving feast. Rob's Rapid Roof Repair took care of some leaky roofs.

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. Mr. Bradish is doing great in his 4th week as Assistant Principal, helping to relieve Bruce of some of the RCMS/RCHS responsibilities. Three new students have been welcomed well by student ambassadors. 1st quarter student conduct policy revisions, such as no cellphone use in class, has made a positive impact on learning.

RCHS – Bruce Kelly reporting. Mr. Bradish is doing great in his 4th week as Assistant Principal, helping to relieve Bruce of some of the RCMS/RCHS responsibilities. Twenty-five students are in the National Honor Society, and they helped with Operation Christmas Child. Textile drive to support Mission Trip 2024 is going very well, and the Mission Adventure group will have its 3rd training session this week. Tours for next year's 9th grade are ahead of previous years with several families already checking us out. 1st quarter student conduct policy revisions, such as no cellphone use in class, have made a positive impact on learning.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment at 330, which is up slightly from the beginning of year of 327 but well off of the budgeted 370.

Tech – Wes Brown reporting. The Fund-a-Need at the auction has provided budget for 60 new Chromebooks that will align well with what the district currently uses.

Athletics – Kofi Adusei reporting. Girls volleyball finished one game from State, which was a great improvement on previous year. Middle school boys basketball is 1-3 but morale is good and the kids are learning how to play within a system. Varsity boys and girls basketball begins December 11th, with Homecoming planned for Tuesday, January 16, 2024; Kofi said he could really use some volunteers to run things like the gate, concessions, scorekeeping, etc. An email will go out this week regarding Booster Club.

HR – Bruce reporting for Sigrid Jones. Sigrid has been able to lower various benefit increases so that our overall increase has gone down from roughly \$42K to only about \$19K. In the process of working all the year-end Payroll to ensure accurate production of W-2s and 1095s.

Finances – Bruce reporting for Al Stever. October saw a net income of 5K, but the projected FY23/24 bottom line is a loss of \$441K. Auction netted \$110k, with \$76K in unrestricted funds and \$34K in restricted funds.



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President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) In response to our budget shortfall, an anonymous donor is willing to match year-end giving dollar-for-dollar. A letter regarding this will be sent to alumni.
- 2) Bruce is pleased with many aspects of RCS this year: staff morale, spiritual emphasis (district-wide theme of Romans 8:29), academic focus, new hires, new students, volunteers, and giving (the first item is an example, as is a donor who is helping a family who can't afford it to send their child to Little People).
- 3) Several campuses are down in enrollment, but the most severe drop has been at MVE
- 4) Great auction, which netted \$110k, with \$76K in unrestricted funds and \$34K in restricted funds.
- 5) Another shout-out to Assistant Principal Bradish at RCHS/RCMS.

Open discussion time with attendees:

1. Patty Edwards said she knows that there are parents of alumni or alumni who aren't receiving alumni communications. Bruce told Patty to encourage them to sign-up via website or contact him personally to be put on the mailing list for newsletters.

Bruce closed the meeting with prayer at 7:00pm.

Next General Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 6:00pm, location – RCHS/RCMS. Google Meets will be used to provide an online/remote option.